



the Village
of Willow Springs
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Spring 2014

Neighbor to Neighbor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is finally here, and it certainly was a winter to remember. Faced with near record-breaking snowfall and sub-zero days, Village services were put to the test. Through it all, with Public Works and Public Safety personnel on the front lines, and the office staff handling emergency calls for assistance, our Village services performed with tireless effort and got the job done.

This would not have been possible without the interagency support Willow Springs received working together with the West Suburban Water Commission. Besides dealing with seemingly never ending broken water mains, Commission staff worked side by side with Village personnel to handle the most extreme weather conditions. It is also appropriate to note the efforts of local youths who assisted stuck motorists and good-hearted neighbors who pitched in to assist seniors and those in need.

Knowing there's something to be gained from every challenge, the Village reviewed and strengthened its procedures to further improve on public services. Public Works trucks are now equipped with GPS to ensure all areas of the Village are plowed in the most efficient method. After assessing the toll the harsh winter took on our machinery, the Village has budgeted for two new plow trucks to modernize the fleet.

The Spring season means the Village is once again assessing streets as part of our annual Street Maintenance and Resurfacing Program. Implemented in 2008, the Village has invested nearly \$2 million in local rebuilding roads. This has been accomplished through our local penny sales tax without impacting property owners. In addition, this year's Street Program will address the permanent repair of the pot holes left from a winter of road salt and constant plowing. A permanent patch can only be applied in warm weather temperatures.

This summer, IDOT plans to add turn lanes, new signalization, a combined walk/bike path along Archer Avenue at Willow Springs Road. In addition, to assist the business community, the Village has worked with IDOT to line up the entrances of Old Willow and Market Street to improve accessibility.

I am pleased to announce that two Hazardous Materials Disposal Days are scheduled for this Spring in our area: May 4 at Moraine Valley Community College and May 17 at 55th and East Ave. More details are included in this newsletter. The EPA is once again funding this very useful program which keeps hazardous materials from contaminating our environment.

Also inside this newsletter, please take time to read some very positive news regarding Willow Springs' safety rating. Our Village is rated one the safest communities in the State, and the safest in the South Suburban area. Besides the peace of mind that living a secure neighborhood brings, this rating positively affects our properties values.

For a great example of how one person can make a difference, please read the story inside of a man whose decision to get involved and call the police helped solve a crime.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Village events, including the April 26 "Clean Willow Day" and the April 27 Lion's Pork Chop Dinner. Please support the Village's newly formed Events Committee as it plans a summer of great entertainment. Thursday, August 7, marks our 7th Annual Benefit Car Show. Due to the tremendous support for the event, the Village has amended the Family and Veterans Relief Fund eligibility list to include more charitable Veterans organizations. Last month the Relief Fund approved a \$500 donation to our local VFW post, in addition to assisting three other Veterans groups. Proceeds from the Benefit Car Show are distributed to needy families and Veterans.

Before you know it, school will be letting out. Please remember to keep our streets safe for our children.

Kindest Regards,



Alan

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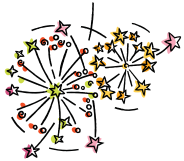
Arlette Frye
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Village Calendar



Date		Time	Event	Site: Address
April 26	Saturday	10 - Noon	Clean Willow Day	Public Works Building: 8261 Willow Spring Rd.
April 27	Sunday	Noon - 5 p.m.	Lions Pork Chop Dinner	Community Center: 8156 Archer Ave.
May -	Monday*	by 7 a.m.	Branch pick up *1st and 3rd Mondays	South Side of the River edge of your property
May -	Monday*	by 7 a.m.	Branch pick up *2nd and 4th Mondays	North Side of the River (not in street)
May 3	Saturday	8 - 3 p.m.	Hazardous Waste Collections (Palos Hills)	Moraine Valley College: 9000 W. College Pky.
May 4	Sunday	12 - 3:30 p.m.	Steam-N-Diezels Open House (Model Trains)	Community/Seniors Center: 8156 Archer Ave.
May 17	Saturday	8 - 3 p.m.	Hazardous Waste Collections (Countryside)	Countryside City Hall: 5550 East Ave.
May 26	Monday	11 a.m.	Memorial Day Ceremony	Memorial Corner: 8700 Archer
May 27	Tuesday		Note: Garbage Pick Up One Day Later Due to Holiday	
June 7	Saturday	10 a.m.	Kids Fishing Derby	Healing Waters: Willow West Drive
June 7	Saturday	1 - 3 p.m.	Dog Park Social	Blackstone and Park
June 26-29	Thurs.-Sun.	8 - 4 p.m.	Village Wide Yard Sales	Village Wide
July 3	Thursday	At Dusk	Fire Works Display	Pleasantdale Park District: 7425 S. Wolf Rd.
Aug. 7	Thursday	2 - 9:30 p.m.	7th Annual Benefit Car Show	Town Center: One Village Circle
Aug. 8	Friday	6 - 9 p.m.	Concert (Events Committee)	Town Center: One Village Circle

Fireworks Display!



Presented by Pleasantdale Park District
Thursday, July 3 at dusk
7425 Wolf Road



Village Wide Garage Sales

Thursday, June 26 – Sunday, June 29
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Call the Village Hall at 708.467.3700 to
have your address put on the Garage Sale Listing!

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It's that time of the year again...



Do YOU need a building permit?

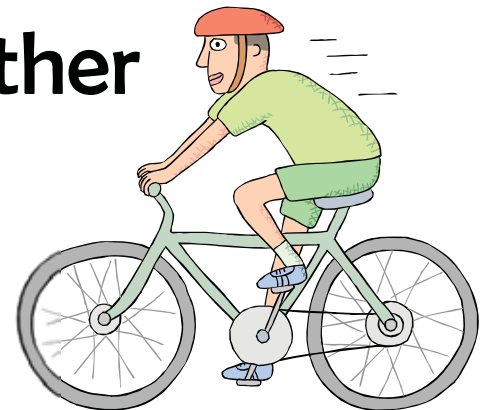
Call the Village Hall (708)467-3700 to ask us before you start any construction



WHEN IN DOUBT, GIVE US A SHOUT!

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This spring...

Don't forget to take advantage of the weather and our wonderful bike trails in town!



For more information on local bike trails contact the
Cook County Forest Preserve (708) 771-1001
or visit on the web:

<http://www.traillink.com/project/calumet-sag-trail.aspx>

or

<http://www.railstotrails.org/ourWork/whereWeWork/midwest/projects/IL-CookCounty-CalumetSagTrail.html>



The Easter Egg Hunt Was Great!

Events Committee: Front row: Kim Maloney, Easter Bunny, and kids **Back Row:** Sandy Munch, Cindy Paulsen, Sarah Paulsen, Jean Mrkacek, and Karen Melton. A special thank you to all that made this event special. Anyone wishing to help the Events Committee can contact the Village Hall. They are always open to new creative ideas and welcome new faces! **Watch for upcoming events!** The Egg Hunt was made possible through the sales at the Pancake Breakfast. Thank you for your support!



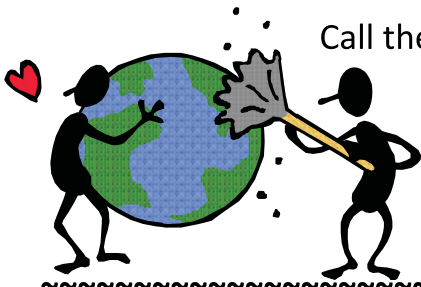
"Clean-Up Willow Day"

Saturday, April 26

Public Works will host its Annual "Clean-Up Willow Day." Invite your friends, family, & neighbors on this Saturday morning to help clean Willow Springs.

Gloves, bags, and vests will be provided to all volunteers.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers back at Public Works at Noon where Certificates of Community Service will also be distributed.



Call the Village Hall **(708) 467-3700** to register your group.

When: Saturday April 26

Where: 8261 Willow Springs Rd (Public Works)

Check-In at Public Works: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch at Public Works: Noon

2013 Recycling Analysis

Collection Period	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Total Weights (Tons)	57.17	45.52	44.36	65.57	58.85	44.54	63.07	50.77	55.31	56.20	49.90	81.24	672.5
% (Paper Products)	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%	67.25%
Weight (Paper Products)	38.45	30.61	29.83	44.10	39.58	29.95	42.41	34.14	37.20	37.79	33.56	54.63	452.26
% (Commingled)	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%	19.25%
Weight (Commingled)	11.01	8.76	8.54	12.62	11.33	8.57	12.14	9.77	10.65	10.82	9.61	15.64	129.46
% (Residue/Contamination)	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%
Weight (Residue/Contamination)	7.72	6.15	5.99	8.85	7.94	6.01	8.51	6.85	7.47	7.59	6.74	10.97	90.79



Memorial Day Ceremony



Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

**Please support our Veterans
Memorial Remembrance at the corner of
Willow Springs Road and Archer Ave.**

Central Bark Ice Cream Social June 7th

1:00-3:00PM

**Lions Park
Blackstone & Park St**



You goin?

You bet!



**Feelin' like you've been in
the 'Dog House' after a 'ruff'
winter? Grab a leash and your
dog and get down to Central Bark.**



**We're snackin' on
cones and bones. Free
treats for the kids
and canines!**



Saturday, June 7

Check-In 10:00AM

Healing Waters Pond

(Corner of 85th Street & Willow West Drive)



Must register by June 5th 708-467-3700

Ages: Infant through 8th grade



★ What to bring: ★

- **CANE POLE** and **BUCKET** for each child!
- A BLANKET for a free picnic lunch after fishing (optional)



Willow Springs Named “Safest” in Southland Region

Willow Springs is the safest town in the area, according to a recently published article in the Southtown/Sun-Times newspaper. Highlighting the results of a safety study performed by the organization “Safe Wise,” the article noted that Willow Springs ranked 1st in the South Suburbs due to its low crime rates. Ranked 20th overall in the State, Willow Springs joined the company of other top-20 towns in the Chicago area including Lake Forest, Inverness, Western Springs, Sugar Grove, and Lindenhurst.

In its report, “The 50 Safest Cities in Illinois,” Safe Wise said it compiled information from the most recent FBI Crime Report along with its own independent research. To make the list, a city had to have a population of more than 5,000 as of 2012 and needed to meet criteria regarding both violent and property crimes, according to FBI statistics from 2012. Analyzing these crimes, Safe Wise noted that it then calculated the chance of these crimes happening out of 1,000 in order to level the playing field for the different populations of each city.

Mayor Alan Nowaczyk said continued emphasis on sharing information with residents as it becomes available has paid dividends.

“The key is getting the word out quickly whether there is crime here or in a nearby community. This has always been a very involved, tight-knit community. People look out for each other and work together with our emergency personnel to keep our town safe,” said Mayor Nowaczyk.

In addition to reverse 911 phone system warnings, in 2012 Mayor Nowaczyk directed a door-to-door police initiative in response to a report of burglaries in the area. The result was a local resident providing the description of a van used by a Chicago burglary ring which preyed on Willow Springs and several surrounding communities. Working together in a police task force, Willow Springs was credited with making the arrest in the case.

“If you make the extra effort, if you give people with opportunity to come forward by reaching out to them, you can make your community safe. It also becomes a deterrent to any other would-be criminals,” the Mayor added.

The Safe Wise Reports described Willow Springs in the following manner:

“The homey village of Willow Springs begs visitors to don a cozy sweater and watch the city’s children play with a steaming cup of coffee at the city park. And you can do so with the peace of mind that there were only four violent crimes reported in 2012 – impressive for a town of over 5,000 people.

This tranquil, yet involved, community hosts many local events such as an annual Holiday and Remembrance concert and car shows. This rural and modest village was also used as a set location for the film “The Lake House” starring Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. Just as Bullock and Reeves’ characters fell in love, humble Willow Springs could be the perfect place for you to find that special someone.”

Violent Crimes Per 1,000: 0.72
Property Crimes Per 1,000: 6.67



The Lions Club enjoys the warm surroundings of the Illinois Billiard Club at their annual Christmas party.

Always the first Thursday in August!

7th Annual Benefit Car Show

Don't let it get past you!

Save the Date:

August 7, 2014

**300+ Cars, Live Music,
Grilled Food, Beer Tent
Be there or be square!**



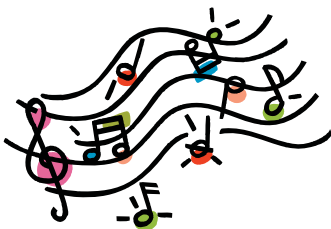
The night after the Car Show...



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Concert in the Circle



**Presented by the Events Committee
One Village Circle,
Willow Springs
Band TBA**

Refreshments will be served

You won't want to miss this!

Worker Delivers the Goods on the Bad Guys

While working his route as a delivery truck driver one cold January day, Zachary Broderick notice men carrying filled pillow cases, running from a Willow Springs home. Knowing that something didn't seem right, he quickly parked and used his cell phone to call the Willow Springs Police to report an apparent home burglary.

With information dispatched across the police radio band, three suspects were apprehended in nearby Justice and all the stolen property was recovered intact.

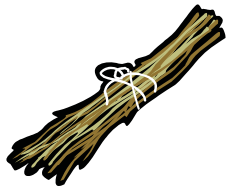
"Without the help of Mr. Broderick, it is quite possible the offenders would have gotten away and the proceeds never recovered," said Chief Kearney while presenting the award at the March 13 Village Board meeting.

About a month prior, Broderick had helped Police investigating the circumstances of a reported theft of mail order packages delivered to Willow Springs addresses. At that time, Police asked that he report anything suspicious he encountered on his route. When he saw the two men running, the police number was only a quick dial from his cell phone.

In presenting the award to Broderick, Chief Kearney noted that he had done exactly what police had asked if he ran into such a situation: he did not physically confront the suspects and quickly called police to provide a description.



Zachary Broderick receives a "Good Citizen" award from Mayor Alan Nowaczyk and Police Chief Richard Kearney.



Public Works News



***Left over leaves** are picked up - **weather permitting** – during the first week of April on the **South side**, and during the second week of April on the **North side**. By mid-April there is no more **leaf pick up**. No special trips can be made as the Public Works trucks are converted to chipping equipment.

***Branch Pick Up:** Branch pickup season will start Monday, April 21 on the South side of the River. The **1st and 3rd Monday**, branches will be picked up on the **South side**; on the **2nd and 4th Monday** they will be picked up on the **North side**. There will be no branch pick up on the 5th Monday of the month.

Branches must be placed on your easement (not in the street) with the trunk portion facing towards the street and neatly stacked. They must be no more than five inches in diameter and six feet in length.

Whole trees, or parts of whole trees cut down will not be picked up by the village. Yard waste and branches cannot be mixed. **Any branch piles containing yard waste will not be chipped.** Yard waste mixed in with chipping damages Village chipping equipment.

Please note: Village ordinances limit branch chipping to **no more than 10 minutes per household** in order to provide service to all households. Branch chipping is meant to accommodate pruning and basic maintenance of trees. Whole, or parts of whole trees, will not be chipped.

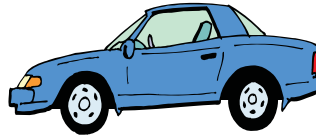
Willow Springs Historical Society News

Greetings from the historical society! WOW! Another year has passed and we are still around collecting and calling for more historic information and artifacts as usual.

We would like to give a big “Thank You” to Mrs. Suzanne Bobinsky for her recent gift of a copy of all her collections of oral and written histories; she has been working on for the last dozen years. It is a great gift to receive and preserve for future interested parties.

Also, want to report that our members, Don (Slim) McKenna and Suzanne Jablon are on the mend and our member, Winnie Sewers is now on our prayer list and we hope she will heal quickly. Stop by and see our new display and recent artifacts if you can. Still open on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Monthly meetings are still the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Vehicle Stickers are now on sale!



Your Sticker Expires June 30

Reminder: Stickers are not available by mail

Residents who have previously registered their vehicle with the Village will receive a **Renewal Form** in the mail. You must bring this Renewal Form to the Village hall to buy a sticker. **If you do not receive a renewal form**, you must bring your Vehicle Registration to the Village Hall to buy a sticker.

Residents who have **NOT** previously registered their vehicle with the Village must bring their **Vehicle Registration** to the Village Hall to buy a sticker.

Residents who have received a **Renewal Form** for a car they no longer own must bring the Renewal Form to the Village Hall to have their information for that vehicle deleted from the system.

If your information or car information has changed, please correct it on the **Renewal Form** and bring it to the Village Hall so changes can be updated in the vehicle sticker system.

Seniors 65 or older receive one free sticker per household.

ON JULY 1st, VEHICLE STICKER FEES DOUBLE

While you are here, register your pup

Pet owners are required to purchase a dog tag each year. These tags expire June 30. For your convenience, new tags are available the same time as vehicle stickers at the Village Hall. Dog tags are \$10.00.

Get your stickers and dog tags at:

Willow Springs Village Hall
One Village Circle, Willow Springs
708-467-3700



Village Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
*2nd and 4th Thursdays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.



Volunteers for events are always needed...

If you are interested in volunteering for any Village events, call 708-467-3700 to have your name put on a volunteer list.



YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

Join the Village Email Blast List!

Receive email updates on news and events happening in town!

It's as easy as 1-2-3-4.

- 1.) Email the Village at Info@willowsprings-il.gov
- 2.) In the subject line type: Blast
- 3.) In the body of the email please include:
 - Your full name
 - Your address
 - Your phone number
- 4.) Press Send



You will be entered into our address list. The Village will send out information about events happening in town and any important updates right to your email!

SEVERE STORM SEASON IS UPON US!

~Siren testing is always the first Tuesday of each month~



TORNADO WATCH: THIS MEANS THAT CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR A TORNADO. BE PREPARED TO TAKE COVER IF ADVISED.

TORNADO WARNING: THIS MEANS A TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AREA AND TO TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY.

Severe spring and summer storms bring tornadoes, flooding, and lightening damage to many states across the country. It is strongly advised that you try to be prepared in the event of a storm, especially the lightening that often accompanies it. Here are some important safety tips to consider:

- Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashing light, or increasing wind.
- Listen to the weather radio.
- Turn off your air conditioner.
- Draw blinds and shades over windows to prevent glass from shattering into your home.
- If you are in a mobile home or car and a tornado warning occurs, get out and find sturdier shelter.
- If someone is struck by lightning, call 911 and begin CPR if necessary. They do not hold an electrical charge.



Can you be reached in an emergency?

Reverse 911 Protects Us All.

The Village of Willow Springs participates in a “Reverse 911” system which dispatches public safety messages directly to your phone in the event of an emergency. If you recently moved or now use your cell phone as your home phone, please visit <http://www.westsuburbanwater.com/> or call the West Suburban Water Commission at 708-458-7010 to ensure your number is registered. Thank you for the opportunity to better serve you.

Household Hazardous Waste Day



You asked where?

Don't miss this opportunity!

Acceptable Wastes

Oil-based paints

Used Motor Oil

Insecticides

Solvents

Pool Chemicals

Aerosol Paints

Fluorescent Lamp Bulbs

Double bagged & wetted asbestos

Household Batteries

Herbicides

Lawn Chemicals

Old Gasoline

Hobby Chemicals

Pesticides

Paint Thinners

Drain Cleaners

Pesticides

Antifreeze

Cleaning Products

Mercury

Old & outdated medicines
& pharmaceuticals

DO NOT Bring Latex Paint or **Unacceptable Wastes:**

Agricultural chemicals

Business/commercial sector wastes

Explosives

Fireworks

Lead Acid Batteries

Medical Wastes

Propane Tanks

Smoke Detectors

Farm machinery oil

Fire extinguishers

Institutional Wastes

Infectious Medical Wastes



May 3

Moraine Valley College

8 A.M – 3 P.M.

9000 W. College Parkway

Palos Hills, Illinois

May 17

Countryside Lot Adjacent to City Hall

5550 East Avenue

8 A.M – 3 P.M.

Countryside, Illinois

SATURDAY ONLY 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY www.epa.state.il

GOT THE DOT? It could save your life.

In the moments directly following a crash, every minute counts.

Illinois Yellow Dot Program alerts first responders
of important medical information.

Become part of the Illinois Yellow Dot Program

Visit www.YellowDotIllinois.org for more information

#1 Photograph

A photo, clearly identifying
program participant, must be placed
in the designated spot on the
Yellow Dot Medical Card



#3 Yellow Dot

Decal must be placed on the rear-facing
window on the driver's side.

This alerts first responders of vital
medical information that can be found
in the glove compartment.



#2 Personal Information

This must include: participant's name,
emergency contact, personal physician,
medical conditions, recent surgeries,
allergies and current medications.
Completed form goes in your glove
compartment.



Pick up your Yellow Dot materials at the Village Hall

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Fun at the Fire Department Open House



Greetings from the Willow Springs Senior Club!!!


We had a very active holiday starting with our Christmas Party, held at the Royalty West Banquets, where our officers were installed prior to our dinner, by the Village Clerk, Adena Baskovich. Our entertainment was a magician. Congratulations to the 2014 Officers: President Dolores Nedved, 1st Vice President Jean Mrkacek, 1st Vice President Sandra Munch, 2nd Vice President Marianne Zima, Treasure Marianne Zima and Secretary Jean Faulk. A special thank you to everyone that accepted a position!

We celebrated New Years Eve in the afternoon at the Crystal Sky Banquets in Mc Cook, with an enjoyable dinner, entertainment and an early champagne toast. Our group had a great time and got home before the heavy snow fell.

The Willow Springs Senior Club has been very active in our community for many years and is now admitting membership form outside our Village. To anyone age 55 and over. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior/Community Center. The doors open at 10:30a.m. and the meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is served at noon followed by a raffle & bingo.


On January 14, 2014 we held a Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. We left at 10:00a.m. and were back by 4:00p.m.

We had entertainment at our February meeting and celebrated Valentines Day. ♥

The center is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. available to any adult resident wishing to use the "Book Swap". This service is free; just return the books when finished. 

Monday mornings are reserved for card tournaments. Poker winner for Jacks or Better Deuces Wild in November are: 1st Bob Faulk, 2nd Ivy Taebel & 3rd Adrienne Hansen. December winners for 7 card stud are: 1st. Mike Smigielski, 2nd Tom Zwinak & 3rd Gloria Arbuckle. ♥♠♥♦

Friday afternoons are for pinochle players and the winners for November are: 1st. Gloria Arbuckle, 2nd Tom Zwinak & a two way tie for 3rd Ivy Taebel and Joe Nedved. December winners are: 1st Tom Zwinak, 2nd Joe Nedved & 3rd Gloria Arbuckle. January we had a playoff for the three biggest winners of pinochle with one winner "Takes All" The participants were Tom Zwinak, Gloria Arbuckle and Joe Nedved. Congrats Tom Zwinak! They all want to know, "Where do you keep the horseshoe"?

We held our fund raiser Bake Sale on Election Day. We would like to thank everyone that helped support the Seniors that day by buying our bake goods! It was very successful. THANKS!!! 

Contact all you friends and come join us for a day bus trip on June 10th. to 4 Winds Casino. Leave the driving to the bus driver! We will meet at 8156 Archer and leave at 9:30a.m. and return by 4:40p.m. Get this, the cost is \$28, but wait you get \$15 back to gamble and \$10 goes to food! Such a deal! Call one of the members listed below to make your reservations before the bus is booked up!!!! Don't forget your Rabbits foot!

For more information regarding any of the above, please contact Vice President and Membership Chairman Jean Mrkacek at 708 839-1941 or President Dolores Nedved at 839-5696. Come out and join us for fun and friendship!



2014 Officers pictured left to right, President Dolores Nedved, 1st Vice President Jean Mrkacek, 1st Vice President Sandra Munch, 2nd Vice President Marianne Zima, Treasure Marianne Zima and Secretary Jean Faulk. Here's to a great year!

The Willow Springs Lions Community Dinner

Sunday • April 27 • 2014

The Willow Springs Lions will be serving-up
"the other white meat" a boneless Pork Chop on a Bun,
Baked Beans and Coleslaw Dinner.

NO ALCOHOL SERVED

Adults
\$7.00

Children
Ages 6 - 12
\$2.00



**Children's
Menu:**
Hot Dogs &
Potato Chips

Take OUTS available

The Willow Springs Senior Center
8156 Archer Avenue • Willow Springs
Noon to 5:00 PM

FREE DRINKS!

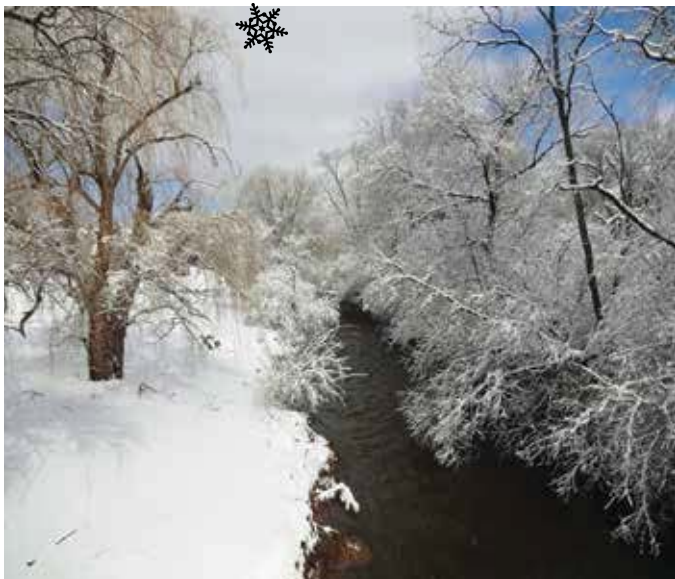
Bring 2 or more
items for our local
food pantries per
person and receive
a free soda or
bottled water.

100% of all proceeds will be used to fund local programs!

Ticket information:

Mike Weeg 708-839-1056 & Mike Smigielski 708-839-5178

A Winter to Remember...for all the right reasons!





Holly's Happy Hounds

Caring for your pets one visit at a time

HappyHoundDogs.com

Vacation? Traveling? Gone all day?

Dog Walking • Pet Sitting • House Sitting • Pooper-Scooping Yards

5 visits
for the
price of **4**
Limited time offer.

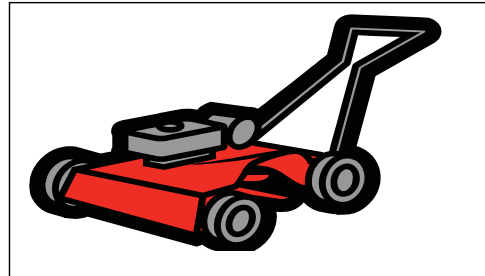
PHONE
708.214.6242
312.533.8131



Willow Springs Residents Call Today for Our \$10.00 Special

We Repair & Tune-Up

- Lawnmowers
- Snow blowers
- All Small Engines



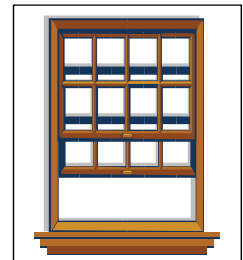
WE REPAIR WINDOWS & SCREENS

Willow Springs Hardware

8436 Archer Ave. – Willow Springs

708-839-1040

Open: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm Sat 8am-5pm Sun 9am-3pm



Pre-Season High-Efficiency Central Air Sale



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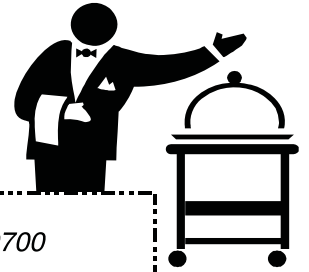
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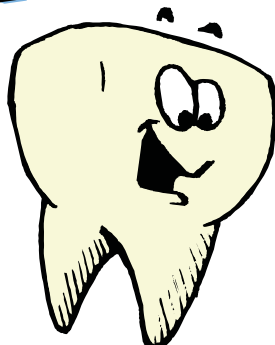
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Tri-State Firefighters Come to Aide of Deer in Icy Rescue

Firefighters braved frigid temperatures to wade into the icy waters of the Des Plaines River on Dec. 9, 2013 in an attempted rescue of a helpless 300-pound deer who had broken through shallow ice near Columbia Woods in Willow Springs.

Tri-State firefighters assigned to the Willow Springs fire station just across Willow Springs Road responded to the scene after Willow Springs Police received a call from a jogger around 8:51 a.m. While the rescue crew worked in the river, three news helicopters from Chicago TV stations covered the rescue live from the air, while other reporters and photographers covered the story at the scene and through a barrage of phone calls. The story was carried in various news outlets inside and outside Illinois.

Donned in protective gear, firemen took turns working in the freezing water to avoid exposure while eventually coaxing the deer toward shore. Fire and police personnel worked with Animal Welfare Society personnel to pull the struggling deer from the River. Despite best efforts, the deer died shortly after being transported to an animal hospital in Chicago Ridge.

"We were disappointed we could not save the animal; but the training procedures, equipment and communications all went very well," said Fire Chief Jack Mancione.

The unfortunate ending for the deer is a reminder of the dangers of frozen water.

"We are always ready for a situation like this when waters freeze over and kids and adults start to enjoy skating and ice fishing or even hiking across the waters. This time it was a deer; it just as easily could have been a person. It's a good time for parents to sit down and remind their kids what can happen when you play on the ice," he added.



ComEd Offers Safety Tips on Flooded Basements

Storms bring a risk of basement flooding. Because so many people have critical systems and other electronic devices in their basements, there is a higher risk of electrocution when entering a flooded basement to assess damage. ComEd offers the following safety tips for customers with flooded basements.

- Customers should call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) to disconnect power before entering a flooded basement.
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- If you are experiencing a power outage, do not wade into a flooded basement. Power may be restored while you are in the flooded basement and the motors on appliances may be submerged.
- Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so.
- Never operate electrical appliances or devices or touch electrical switches, outlets or cords if you are standing in water or are on a wet surface, or if you are wet.
- Be aware of any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water.

Public safety is paramount during storms and ComEd encourages the public to remember to take the following precautions:

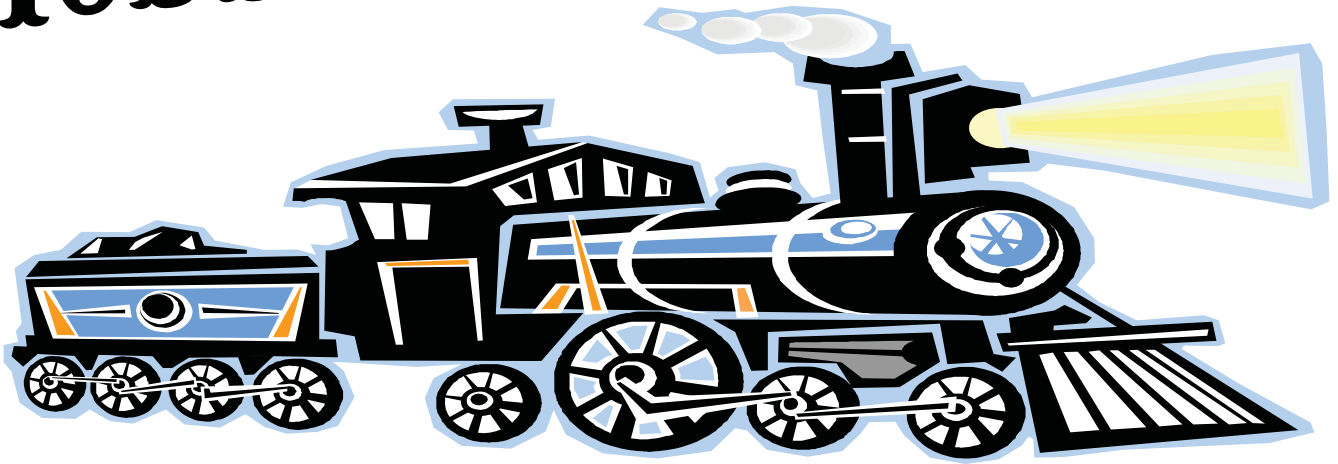
- Never approach a downed power line. If you encounter a downed power line, immediately call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661) or access our website at ComEd.com and report the location. Spanish-speaking customers should call 1-800-95-LUCES (1-800-955-8237).
- Check on elderly and other sensitive family members and neighbors to ensure their safety, and in the event of an extended outage, assist them in reaching an alternate location.

If customers experience a power outage, they can text OUT to 26633 (COMED) to report their outage and receive restoration information, and can follow the company on Twitter @ComEd or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ComEd](https://www.facebook.com/ComEd) to stay up to date on the latest ComEd storm restoration information. ComEd also has an interactive outage map on its website, which allows customers to easily find information on the location and size of outages and get estimated power restoration times. Additionally, ComEd has introduced a mobile app for iPhone and Android® smart phones that gives customers the ability to report power outages and manage their accounts.



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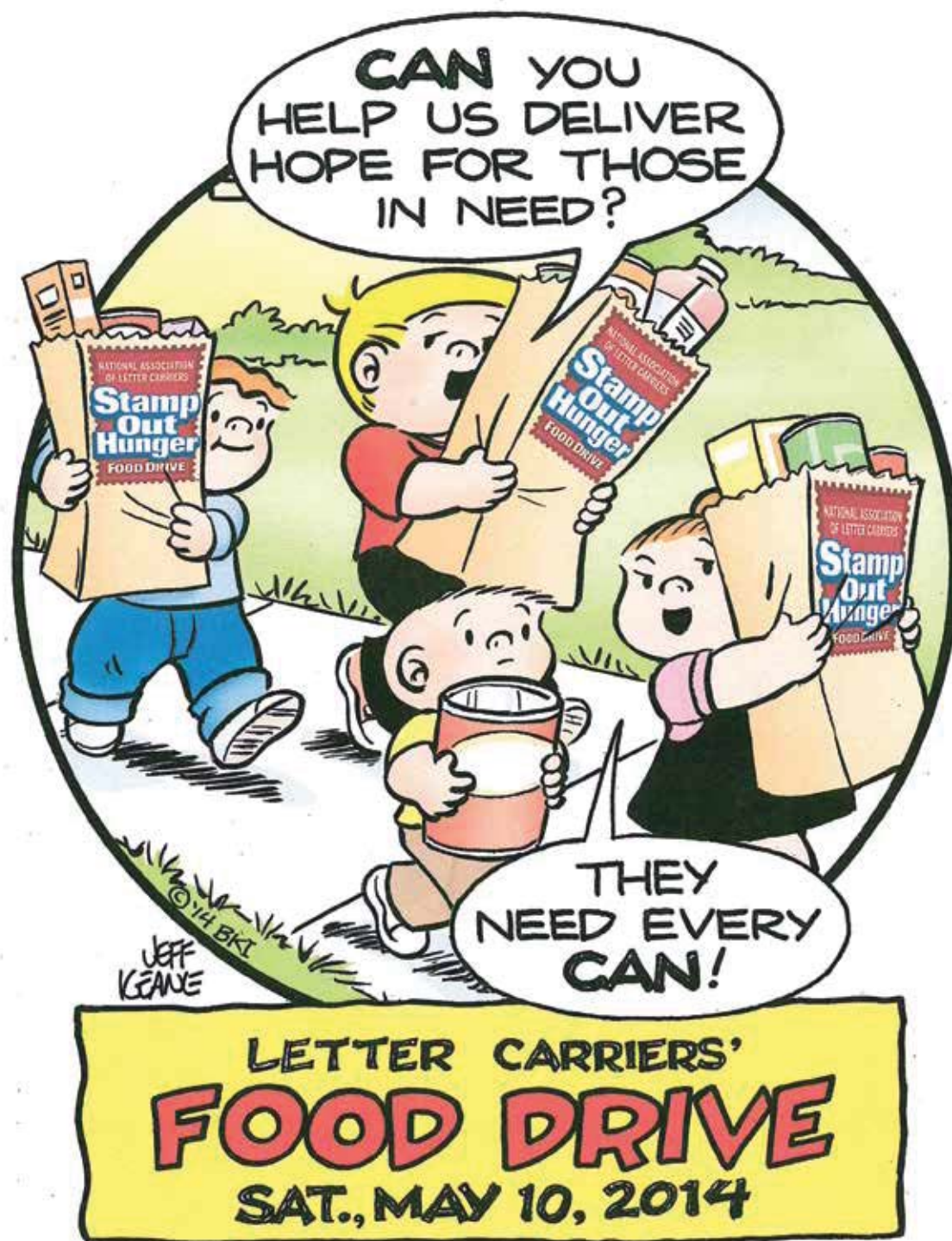
MODEL RAILROAD CLUB



The Steam-n-Diezels model railroad club hosts an Open House on Sunday, May 4, from NOON until 3:30 p.m. at the Community/Senior Center, 8156 S. Archer Avenue. Check out the craftsmanship of club members and mingle with other model railroad fans and hobbyists. Bring the kids and grandkids for an enjoyable afternoon.

Steam-n-Diezels is located in the upstairs loft area of the Community Center. Last year, members of the club provided the labor to remodel the upstairs area at no cost to the Village. The Club has already opened its doors to take part in community events and hopes to continue to host a schedule of Sunday open houses in the future. Stop by and enjoy the train layouts and the company of model railroading enthusiasts.





NOTICE:

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To prevent costly, unnecessary and messy sewer backups, DO NOT put items such as paper towels, diapers, sanitary products, and rags into the sewer system. Other products that cause significant damage include paint, motor oil, antifreeze, and all other hazardous chemicals. These materials cause extensive damage to the sewer system and to our environment. Please educate your family and friends.



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